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LOCAL NEWS

The Women4Climate (W4C) program | Recruitment Open

Source: City of Vancouver

Dedicated to women working in climate, this program contributes to the next generation of climate leaders through mentorship. Every year, emerging women leaders are matched with political and business sector leaders, along with leaders from international and community organizations.

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Fuel-switching, building retrofits are potent tools to reduce GHG emissions

Source: The Vancouver Sun

A series of case studies have found that deep retrofits of existing buildings, including fuel-switching, is one of the clearest defenses against climate change.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Canadian Power buys Okanagan Wind to kickstart renewable-energy expansion plan

Source: The Globe And Mail

According to a source familiar with the transaction, Okanagan Wind, which operates two wind farms in southern British Columbia, has been purchased by Calgary-based Canadian Power Holdings Inc. for \$100-million. All the electricity generated by Okanagan Wind is sold to BC Hydro in an agreement that has 37 years remaining.

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City of Castlegar adopts West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan

Source: Castlegar News

Representing a commitment to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2050, Castlegar has dopted the West

Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan. It will implement recommended actions that can be taken at a local level to reduce GHG emissions and conserve energy.

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NATIONAL NEWS

IKEA Canada net positive for energy consumption

Source: Sustainable Biz

IKEA announced its wind and solar investments generated 132 per cent more energy than it consumed during the calendar year in Canada. A first for the company, it has now reached its benchmark to be globally net positive for energy consumption.

This is the first time the company has hit its benchmark to be globally net positive for energy consumption.

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Canada Wins Two-Year Term on International Renewable Energy Agency Council

Source: Natural Resources Canada

At the 11th session of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Assembly, it was announced that Canada has been voted in as an official Member of Council for IRENA. During its two-year term on the Council, Canada will be helping to ensure cooperation and facilitating discussions on the global clean energy future among the 163 member countries.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Ramping up energy efficiency in Greater Victoria buildings goal of new group

Source: Victoria News

The Greater Victoria 20230 District is a new sustainability organization that is taking the concept of green buildings mainstream in the hopes of significantly reducing the region's carbon footprint. It is part of a North American movement, giving property managers resources and guidance to retrofit existing buildings with energy efficient features.

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City of Cranbrook adopts BC Energy Stepcode

Source: Cranbrook Townsman

Cranbrook joins several other local municipalities to mandate energy efficiency for any new construction projects through the implementation of the BC Energy Code.

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TECHNOLOGY

Metro Vancouver company leads charge to supply B.C. film industry with clean energy generators

Source: The Vancouver Sun

Sim International is a major supplier of lighting and grip equipment for the Metro Vancouver film industry, and is leading the charge to provide zero-emission generators. They have been leasing out their new Sim Ubran Power Source battery generators, the largest purpose-built battery generator made for the film/entertainment industry.

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A big gap in smart buildings: the needs of small-to-medium buildings

Source: Smart Industry

Although large sky-scrapers or sprawling corporate campuses have traditionally been the focus for smart-building technologies, small-to-medium size buildings that consumers use daily (banks, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.) also need to be addressed as well.

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